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Auction of Permits to Import Milk Powder Set for March 26 2002

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Report Highlights:

On March 26, 2002, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy will conduct an auction for permits (cupos) for the Mexican private sector to import 934,000 Kgs. of milk powder duty-free from MFN trading partners. This is the second auction of this year. It partially fulfills Mexico's commitments under the Uruguay Round trade negotiations.

Includes PSD changes: No
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The following announcement was published in Mexico's "*Diario Oficial*" (Federal Register) on February 26, 2002.

On March 26, 2002 at 4:30 PM, Mexico's Secretariat of Economy (SE), will conduct an auction for permits (*cupos*) to the Mexican private sector to import 934,000 Kgs. of milk powder duty-free. This auction is in keeping with Mexico's commitments under the Uruguay Round agreement and the NAFTA. SE's Directorate of Foreign Trade Services (DGSCE) will conduct the auction, which it lists as auction number 018/2002. The details of the auction are as follows:

HS#	Description	Total Quantity for Auction	Maximum Quantity per Importer
0402.10.01	Milk in powder or tablets, containing not over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat.	934,000 Kgs.	100,000 Kgs.
0402.21.01	Milk in powder or tablets, containing over 1.5 percent by weight of butterfat		

The documents required to participate in this auction can be obtained by interested parties as of March 5, 2002, at the following address, as well as at SE state offices throughout Mexico.

"Ventanilla de Cupos TLC"
Secretaria de Economia
Insurgentes Sur 1940, Planta Baja
Colonia Florida
Delegacion Alvaro Obregon
01030, Mexico, D.F.

FAS/Mexico Note: This is NOT an invitation for bids to purchase dry milk products. Rather, it is an auction for the right to import the listed products duty free. Thus, the auction is limited to Mexican companies within the dairy products industry who use milk powder in their production process. That fact notwithstanding, it impacts U.S. dairy exporters in that those Mexican importers who are granted the *cupos* will be looking for product to fill the permit shortly after the auction, if not earlier.

Internet Connections

FAS Mexico Web Site: We are available at <http://www.atomexico.gob.mx> or visit our headquarter's home page at <http://www.fas.usda.gov> for a complete selection of FAS' worldwide agricultural reporting.

Useful Mexican Web Sites: Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Agriculture (SAGARPA) can be found at www.sagarpa.gob.mx and Mexico's equivalent of the Department of Commerce (SE) can be found at www.secofi.gob.mx. These web sites are mentioned for the readers' convenience but USDA does NOT in any way endorse, guarantee the accuracy of, or necessarily

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